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Title: USE OF MOXONIDINE FOR POSTMYOCARDIAL  
INFARCTION TREATMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Missing Parts  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application,  
kindly amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning at the third line from the bottom  
of page 7 and continuing through the eighth line from the top of page 8 as  
follows:

A ( The following studies were performed on male Wistar rats  
(270 to 320 g, Harlan Zeist, Netherlands). The rats were kept  
in rooms with a 12 h light/dark cycle and had free access to  
standard rat diet and water. The animals underwent coronary  
artery ligation (MI rats) or sham operation without ligation  
(sham rats). After 24 hours the MI rats were randomized and  
implanted with osmotic minipumps (Alzet, Model 2001) in order  
to administer moxonidine in a dose of 3 or 6 mg/kg-day s.c.  
(subcutaneously) or only operated on without pump implant. The  
moxonidine treatment was continued up to the end of the  
experiment three weeks after the surgical procedure.